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SUBJ: EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION (EUA) FOR ANTHRAX IMMUNIZATIONS  
EXTENDED

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REF/A/MSG/HQDA/052131ZMAY 05/AMPN/ALARACT MSG, SUBJ: RESUME ANTHRAX  
VACCINATIONS UNDER EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION (EUA) CONDITIONS

REF/B/MSG/MCMR-MMR-OC/06 MAY 05/MMI MSG 05-4002, SUBJ: ARMY RESUMES  
ANTHRAX VACCINATIONS UNDER EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION (EUA)  
CONDITIONS

NARRATIVE: ON 22 JUL 05, THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA)  
EXTENDED THE EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION (EUA) FOR USE OF ANTHRAX  
VACCINE ADSORBED (AVA) TO PREVENT INHALATION ANTHRAX. PREVIOUS DOD AND ARMY  
POLICY CONTINUES IN FORCE. THE ONLY CHANGE AT THIS TIME IS IN THE EXPIRATION  
DATE OF THE EUA, NOW 14 JAN 06. ANTHRAX IMMUNIZATIONS CONTINUE, SUBJECT TO  
SPECIFICATIONS FOR CONDUCTING THE EUA PROGRAM.

1. (U) ON 22 JUL 05 THE FDA APPROVED AN EXTENSION UNTIL 14 JAN 06 OF  
THE EUA FOR ANTHRAX IMMUNIZATION TO PREVENT INHALATION ANTHRAX.

2. (U) THERE ARE NO CHANGES TO THE CURRENT DOD OR ARMY POLICY FOR  
ANTHRAX IMMUNIZATIONS UNDER EUA CONDITIONS (REF A, REF B). TO CLARIFY  
REF A, THE BIODEFENSE UNITS INCLUDE THE CIVIL SUPPORT TEAMS WITHIN  
THE NATIONAL GUARD.

3. (U) CLINIC OPERATIONS. WHEN OPERATING CLINICS THAT OFFER SEVERAL  
IMMUNIZATIONS, EXERCISE SPECIAL CARE TO CONFIRM BEFORE INJECTION THAT  
THE INDIVIDUAL ELECTS TO RECEIVE ANTHRAX IMMUNIZATION.

4. (U) EDUCATION FOR PEOPLE DESIGNATED FOR ANTHRAX IMMUNIZATION.

4.A. (U) COMMANDERS AND ARMY LEADERS AT ALL LEVELS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO  
EDUCATE THEIR PERSONNEL BEFORE IMMUNIZATION. ALL INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE  
FOR ANTHRAX IMMUNIZATION UNDER THE EUA HAVE THE OPTION TO REFUSE  
ANTHRAX IMMUNIZATION WITHOUT PENALTY.

4.B. (U) COMMANDERS AND OTHER LEADERS WILL USE THE TRIFOLD BROCHURE  
DATED 5 APR 05, SUPPLEMENTING IT, WHENEVER POSSIBLE, WITH A BRIEFING  
USING STANDARD BRIEFING SLIDES, AVAILABLE ELECTRONICALLY AT  
WWW.ANTHRAX.MIL/EUA.

4.C. (U) FULFILLING THE TRIFOLD AND OPTION-TO-REFUSE SPECIFICATIONS  
OF THE EUA CONDITIONS ARE ESSENTIAL COMMAND RESPONSIBILITIES.

5. (U) MEDPROS ENTRIES. ALL IMMUNIZATIONS WILL BE IMMEDIATELY  
RECORDED IN THE MEDICAL PROTECTION SYSTEM (MEDPROS), THE HQDA  
STANDARD FOR TRACKING INDIVIDUAL MEDICAL READINESS INDICATORS.  
DECLINATION OF ANTHRAX IMMUNIZATION DURING THE EUA WILL BE ENTERED  
INTO MEDPROS AS "MD" FOR "DECLINED" IN THE EXEMPTION OR EXCEPTION  
FIELD. IF MEDPROS IS NOT AVAILABLE IN THEATER, USE THE REMOTE  
IMMUNIZATION DATA ENTRY SYSTEM (RIDES) AND EXPORT TO MEDPROS AT LEAST  
WEEKLY. IN UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE ELECTRONIC MECHANISMS ARE NOT  
YET IN PLACE, ANNOTATE IMMUNIZATION OR DECLINATION ON DD FORM 2766,  
DEPLOYABLE MEDICAL RECORD, OR COMPARABLE DOCUMENT, THEN FOLLOW-UP  
WITH MEDPROS ENTRY AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

6. (U) THE ANTHRAX IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM REMAINS A COMMANDER'S FORCE  
PROTECTION RESPONSIBILITY. COMMANDERS WILL IDENTIFY AND EDUCATE  
PERSONNEL TO BE VACCINATED, TRACK IMMUNIZATIONS, AND ENSURE

APPROPRIATE MEDICAL EVALUATION IF THEY EXPERIENCE SYMPTOMS FOLLOWING ANY IMMUNIZATION. COMMANDERS WILL RESPECT THE OPTION TO REFUSE ANTHRAX IMMUNIZATION DURING THE EUA.

7. (U) POCS

7.A. (U) POCS AT USAMMA: USAMMA DISTRIBUTION OPERATIONS CENTER COMM: 301-619-4318/4307/4198, DSN: 343-4318, FAX: DSN 343-4468.

7.B. (U) WEBSITE: WWW.USAMMA.ARMY.MIL AND THEN CLICK ON VACCINES-TEMPERATURE SENSITIVE PRODUCTS.

7.C. (U) EMAIL: USAMMADOC@DET.AMEDD.ARMY.MIL.

8. (U) POCS: COL JOHN GRABENSTEIN OR MAJ DAVID BEAUCHENE, 703-681-5101 OR DSN 761-5101, OR EMAIL: VACCINES@OTSG.AMEDD.ARMY.MIL OR OTSG.OPSCENTER21OPNS@HQDA-S.ARMY.SMIL.MIL (ATTENTION: MILVAX).

9. (U) EXPIRATION DATE FOR THIS AUTHORIZATION IS 14 JAN 06.

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